

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



|            |  |                 |              |
|------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Applicant: | Philip Stephen Smith, et al.   | Examiner:       | Unknown      |
| Serial No. | 10/764,995   | Group Art Unit: | 3713         |
| Filed:     | January 26, 2004   | Docket No.      | PA0959.ap.US |
| Title:     | AUTOMATED MULTIPLAYER GAME TABLE WITH UNIQUE IMAGE FEED<br>OF DEALER |                 |              |

---

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or (c)**

**MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is either filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits or it is submitted after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. No fee is due since this statement is submitted either before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits or is certified under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

**Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that this statement is submitted wherein each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counter part foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with  
37 C.F.R. §.1.98(d).

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicant(s) do(es) not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1391.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP S. SMITH, et al.

By Their Representatives,

MARK A. LITMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
York Business Center, Suite 205  
3209 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Edina, Minnesota 55435  
(952) 832-9090

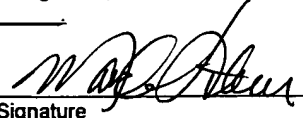
Date: 30 June 2004

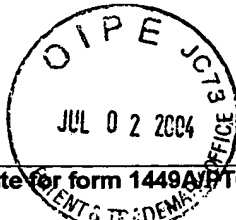
By: 

Mark A. Litman  
Reg. No. 26,390

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 30 June 2004.

Mark A. Litman  
Name

  
Signature



|   |   |                             |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A PTO<br><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT<br/>BY APPLICANT</b> | Docket Number<br>PA0959.ap.US           | Serial Number<br>10/764,995 |
|   | Applicant(s)<br>Phillip S. Smith et al. |                             |
|   | Filing Date<br>01/26/2004               | Group Art Unit<br>3713      |
|   |   |                             |

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER<br>INITIALS | REF | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE       | NAME                | CLASS | SUB-CLASS | FILING DATE<br>(IF APPROPRIATE) |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|
|                      |     | 3,595,987          | 7/27/1971  | Vlahos              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,007,487          | 2/8/1977   | Vlahos              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,026,555          | 5/31/1977  | Kirschner et al.    |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,100,569          | 7/11/1978  | Vlahos              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,344,085          | 8/10/1982  | Vlahos              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,397,509          | 8/9/1983   | Miller et al.       |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,445,114          | 4/24/1984  | Stubben             |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,508,353          | 4/2/1985   | Meyer et al.        |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,530,499          | 7/23/1985  | Breslow et al.      |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,614,342          | 9/30/1986  | Takashima           |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,643,421          | 2/17/1987  | Meyer et al.        |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,658,247          | 4/14/1987  | Aubin               |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,687,200          | 8/18/1987  | Shirai              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,724,307          | 2/9/1988   | Dutton et al.       |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,738,451          | 4/19/1988  | Logg                |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,887,819          | 12/19/1989 | Walker              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 4,995,615          | 2/26/1991  | Cheng               |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,090,708          | 2/25/1992  | Gerlitz et al.      |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,120,057          | 6/9/1992   | Kitaue              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,125,671          | 6/30/1992  | Ueda et al.         |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,149,104          | 9/22/1992  | Edelstein           |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,150,899          | 9/29/1992  | Kitaue              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,159,549          | 10/27/1992 | Hallman, Jr. et al. |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,221,083          | 6/22/1993  | Dote                |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,288,078          | 2/22/1994  | Capper et al.       |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,317,505          | 5/31/1994  | Karabed et al.      |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,414,256          | 5/9/1995   | Gumer et al.        |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,453,758          | 9/26/1995  | Sato                |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,470,080          | 11/28/1995 | Naka et al.         |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,521,616          | 5/28/1996  | Capper et al.       |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,586,766          | 12/24/1996 | Forte et al.        |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,586,936          | 12/24/1996 | Bennett et al.      |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,605,334          | 2/25/1997  | McCrea, Jr.         |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,616,078          | 4/1/1997   | Oh                  |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,688,174          | 11/18/1997 | Kennedy             |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,695,189          | 12/9/1997  | Breeding et al.     |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,726,706          | 3/10/1998  | Walsh               |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,735,742          | 4/7/1998   | French              |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,745,166          | 4/28/1998  | Rhodes et al.       |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,779,546          | 7/14/1998  | Meissner et al.     |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,781,647          | 7/14/1998  | Fishbine et al.     |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,803,453          | 9/8/1998   | Stephan et al.      |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,831,527          | 11/3/1998  | Jones, II et al.    |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 5,879,235          | 3/9/1999   | Kaneko et al.       |       |           |                                 |

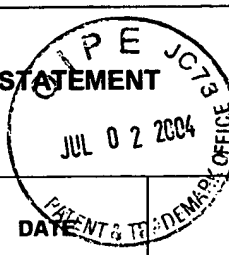
|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Examiner: | Date Considered: |
|-----------|------------------|

| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO                            |     |                    |            | Docket Number<br>PA0959.ap.US           | Serial Number<br>10/764,995 |                        |                                 |
|--|-----|--------------------|------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT<br/>BY APPLICANT</b> |     |                    |            | Applicant(s)<br>Phillip S. Smith et al. |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     |                    |            | Filing Date<br>01/26/2004               |                             | Group Art Unit<br>3713 |                                 |
| EXAMINER<br>INITIALS                                     | REF | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE       | NAME                                    | CLASS                       | SUB-CLASS              | FILING DATE<br>(IF APPROPRIATE) |
|  |     | 5,919,090          | 7/6/1999   | Mothwurf                                |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 5,923,364          | 7/13/1999  | Rhodes et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 5,934,998          | 8/10/1999  | Forte et al.                            |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 5,941,769          | 8/24/1999  | Order                                   |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 5,961,121          | 10/5/1999  | Brown                                   |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 5,976,019          | 11/2/1999  | Ikeda et al.                            |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,068,258          | 5/30/2000  | Breeding et al.                         |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,093,103          | 7/25/2000  | McCrea, Jr.                             |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,117,012          | 9/12/2000  | McCrea, Jr.                             |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,126,166          | 10/3/2000  | Lorson et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,139,014          | 10/31/2000 | Breeding et al.                         |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,149,154          | 11/21/2000 | Grauzer et al.                          |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,154,131          | 11/28/2000 | Jones, II et al.                        |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,165,069          | 12/26/2000 | Sines et al.                            |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,217,447          | 4/17/2001  | Lofink et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,254,096          | 7/3/2001   | Grauzer et al.                          |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,270,404          | 8/7/2001   | Sines et al.                            |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,313,871          | 11/6/2001  | Schubert                                |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,325,373          | 12/4/2001  | Breeding et al.                         |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,394,898          | 5/28/2002  | Nagao et al.                            |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,460,848          | 10/8/2002  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,466,220          | 10/15/2002 | Cesana et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,469,747          | 10/22/2002 | Rai et al.                              |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,517,435          | 2/11/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,517,436          | 2/11/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,519,283          | 2/11/2003  | Cheney et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,520,857          | 2/18/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,527,271          | 3/4/2003   | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,530,836          | 3/11/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,530,837          | 3/11/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,532,297          | 3/11/2003  | Lindquist                               |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,533,276          | 3/18/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,533,662          | 3/18/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,568,678          | 5/27/2003  | Breeding et al.                         |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,579,180          | 6/17/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,579,181          | 6/17/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,588,751          | 7/8/2003   | Grauzer et al.                          |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,595,857          | 7/22/2003  | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,607,443          | 8/19/2003  | Miyamoto et al.                         |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,638,161          | 10/28/2003 | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,651,981          | 11/25/2003 | Grauzer et al.                          |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,651,982          | 11/25/2003 | Grauzer et al.                          |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,651,985          | 11/25/2003 | Sines et al.                            |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,652,379          | 11/25/2003 | Soltys et al.                           |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,655,684          | 12/2/2003  | Grauzer et al.                          |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,658,750          | 12/9/2003  | Scheibner et al.                        |                             |                        |                                 |
|  |     | 6,661,425          | 12/9/2003  | Hiroaki                                 |                             |                        |                                 |

Examiner:

Date Considered:

|  |  |  |  |   |  |                             |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO                    |  |  |  | Docket Number<br>PA0959.ap.US           |  | Serial Number<br>10/764,995 |  |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT<br>BY APPLICANT |  |  |  | Applicant(s)<br>Phillip S. Smith et al. |  |                             |  |
|  |  |  |  | Filing Date<br>01/26/2004               |  | Group Art Unit<br>3713      |  |



| EXAMINER<br>INITIALS | REF | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE       | NAME            | CLASS | SUB-CLASS | FILING DATE<br>(IF APPROPRIATE) |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|
|                      |     | 6,663,490          | 12/16/2003 | Soltys et al.   |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 2002/0169013       | 11/14/2002 | Serizawa et al. |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     | 2003/0199316       | 10/23/2003 | Miyamoto et al. |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     |                    |            |                 |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     |                    |            |                 |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     |                    |            |                 |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     |                    |            |                 |       |           |                                 |
|                      |     |                    |            |                 |       |           |                                 |

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| EXAMINER<br>INITIALS | REF | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE      | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUB-CLASS | TRANSLATION |    |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------------|----|
|                      |     |                    |           |         |       |           | YES         | NO |
|                      |     | WO 96/30856        | 10/3/1996 | WIPO    |       |           |             |    |
|                      |     | WO 00/51076        | 8/31/2000 | WIPO    |       |           |             |    |
|                      |     |                    |           |         |       |           |             |    |
|                      |     |                    |           |         |       |           |             |    |
|                      |     |                    |           |         |       |           |             |    |

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Examiner:

Date Considered: